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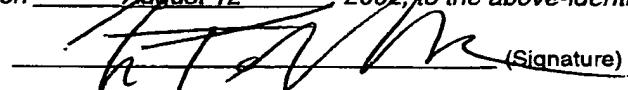
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

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Case Docket No. 7914M

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Hamersky et al. Confirmation No. 1859

Serial No.: 09/760,037 Group Art Unit: 1661

Date Filed: January 12, 2001 Examiner: Annette Para

Title:

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In the Application of :
MARK W. HAMERSKY, et al. :
Serial No. 09/760,037 : Group Art Unit 1661
Filed 12 January 2001 : Examiner Para, Annette H.
For VASE-ADDED :
COMPOSITIONS FOR
CONTROLLING PLANT AND
FLOWER MOISTURE
TRANSPIRATION RATES

ELECTION OF SPECIES UNDER 35 USC § 121

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 11 March 2002, please enter the Applicants' below-listed election of species in the above-identified case. Moreover, the Applicants hereby petition the Office for a two-month extension of time in which to file the present communication. In this respect, the Applicants hereby authorize the Office to charge any necessary payment, and credit any over payment thereof, to maintain the pendency of the present application to the Applicants' Deposit Account, No. 16-2480.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

The Examiner has asserted an Election of Species in the present application. Specifically, the Examiner has set forth the following species, from which the Applicants have been asked to elect:

- (1) Antimicrobials recited in claim 10; and
- (2) Antimicrobials encompassed by the formula in claim 11.

The Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the antimicrobial compounds encompassed by the formula of claim 11, with traverse. The Applicants traverse the present election on the grounds that the above-described species are not patentably distinct, *per se*. Rather, the antimicrobials listed in claim 10 and encompassed by the formula in claim 11 may be employed, simultaneously, as suitable antimicrobials of present claim 1. Although the compounds encompassed by claims 10 and 11 can also be used individually as antimicrobials in the context of the present invention, their cooperative use is specifically envisioned and desired.

In light of the present election, the Applicants wish to underscore to the Examiner that election of the antimicrobials encompassed by the formula in claim 11 does not present any undue search burden on the part of the Office. Rather, the formula listed in claim 11 is specifically directed to quaternary ammonium compounds for use in antimicrobial compositions, and particularly in compositions for controlling plant and flower moisture transpiration. Currently, claim 11 depends from claim 1, directed to a composition for controlling plant and flower moisture transpiration, comprising a source of energy, one or more antimicrobials and the balance carriers and adjunct ingredients.

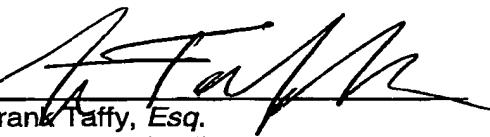
CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place the present claims in condition for examination and/or allowance. WHEREFORE, entry of the Applicants' above election of species and allowance of Claims 1-37, are respectfully requested. In the event that issues remain prior to allowance of the noted claims, then the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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